

HOUSE RESOLUTION 357  
By Lewis

A RESOLUTION to celebrate the Tullahoma Sesquicentennial.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause in its deliberations to join with the individual cities and counties that comprise this great state in celebrating joyous and historic occasions; and

WHEREAS, on October 4, 2002, the City of Tullahoma is hosting a Sesquicentennial Celebration in honor of its establishment in 1852; the citizens of the historic Coffee County community will join to enjoy fellowship and commemorate the occasion; and

WHEREAS, Tullahoma was founded by a group of courageous pioneers who exemplified the spirit of Tennessee; from 1851 until 1858, the Town Company of Tullahoma included General William Moore, Dr. Thomas A. Anderson, Volney S. Stevenson, Benjamin Decherd, and Pierce Anderson; and

WHEREAS, the Charter of the City of Tullahoma was signed by: William Moore, V. S. Stevenson, B. R. White, W. P. Gowan, J. E. Rodes, W. C. Davis, G. A. Plyant, James R. Graham, Jno C. Reynolds, Jno S. Hill, J. M. Reynolds, Smith Morgan, E. Baker, J. M. P.

Hickerson, J. E. Hogan, Thomas Daniel, M. H. Crosnoe, W. C. Morgan, T. S. Bartlett, R. J. Daniel, J. M. Bartlett, John Keller, Ira Cox, J. L. Plyant, and G. I. Plyant; and

WHEREAS, this historic city is the only town in the world bearing the name “Tullahoma,” which is a Native American word that many believe means “a land of golden flowers” but likely is actually derived from the Choctaw words for “red” and “rock”; before settlement, it was used as a tribal ground due to the presence of abundant springs flowing with pure water; and

WHEREAS, Tullahoma was settled as a railroad labor camp during construction of the Nashville, Chattanooga, and St. Louis Railway and was chartered on October 4, 1952; and

WHEREAS, the city has played an important role in American military history; it was the site of a key campaign during the Civil War and of a large infantry training center, Camp Forrest, during World War II; and

WHEREAS, in 1951, the Arnold Engineering Development Center was opened at Arnold Air Force Base in Tullahoma; it has served as a catalyst for numerous private businesses and houses the world’s largest wind tunnel and propulsion altitude test facility; and

WHEREAS, this fascinating town also boasts the world’s only Space Institute and a unique children’s Hands-on-Science Center; and

WHEREAS, the City has earned numerous prestigious awards for excellence; it is designated Tree City USA and is a sixteen-year recipient of the Governor’s Three-Star City designation; and

WHEREAS, Tullahoma remains a vibrant, busy center of business and commerce, and its esteemed citizens truly appreciate the benefits afforded them by the historic, thriving location; and

WHEREAS, one hundred fifty years since its beginning, the prosperous City of Tullahoma possesses the requisite amenities of a modern community, upheld by an appreciation for the strength of its pioneer heritage and the courage, work ethic, and endurance received by its present citizenry from those who went before; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we join  
in commemorating the Tullahoma Sesquicentennial Celebration, honor its rich heritage, and  
salute the good citizens of that fair City.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared  
for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.